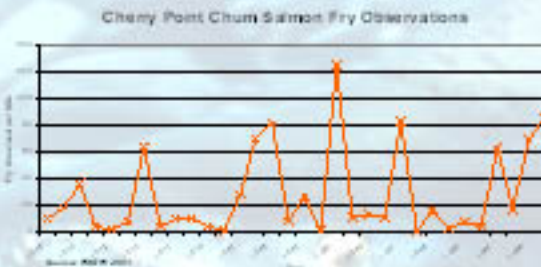


Natural Resources of Cherry Point



Native salmon comprise a spectacular commercially and culturally important biological resource.

Endangered and critically depressed stocks of chinook salmon use the Nooksack River. Several species of adult salmon are found offshore while juveniles feed along the nearshore.



Baseline inventories in the 1970's suggest Cherry Point has very high species diversity including more than 61 species of plants and 172 invertebrates.

The nearshore bottom is also diverse with cobble beaches along much of the reach and sand or silt bottoms dominating areas greater than 20 feet in depth.

Kelps are the dominant offshore vegetation adjacent to Cherry Point. Herring spawn on both kelps and eelgrass found along the reach.

1977 Oblique Photographs

(Photos by Department of Ecology, Panorama by DNR)



**Point
Whitehorn**

**North
Dock**

**Cherry
Point**

**Middle
Dock**

**South
Dock**